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A TRANSLATION OF THE GOH ANNOUNCEMENT OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER
QUARANTINE MEASURES FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
NATURAL RESOURCES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT INFORMS THE PUBLIC IN
GENERAL AND THE INTERESTED SECTORS IN PARTICULAR THAT,
ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, THE AFRICAN SWINE FEVER EVOLVES CURRENTLY IN
BRAZIL AND IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THAT DISEASE IS A REAL
PLAGUE FOR THE BOG BREEDING. THE DISEASE IS LIKELY TO BE
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CARRIED FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER THROUGH PASSIVE TRANSMITTING
AGENTS, SUCH AS TRAVELERS AND MEANS OF TRANSPORT. IN ORDER
TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS DISEASE IN HAITI
(WHICH IS RECOGNIZED AS SAFE, THUS FAR), THE FOLLOWING
SANITARY MEASURES ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE RIGOROUSLY OBSERVED:

1. LAND CIRULATION OF MATERIALS, PEOPLE AND ANIMALS BETWEEN

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI IS TEMPORARILY FORBIDDEN.

2. AS THEY COME DOWN FROM THE PLANE, TRAVELERS WILL STEP ON A CARPET SOAKED WITH A QUARTENARY AMMONIUM DISINFECTANT, SET UP BY THE VETERINARIAN AND THE IMMIGRATION SERVICES.

3. THE MEANS OF LAND TRANSPORT NECESSARILY AUTHORIZED WILL BE DISINFECTED INSIDE AND OUTSIDE WITH QUATERNARY AMMONIUM OR WITH ANY OTHER DISINFECTANT APPROVED BY THE VETERINARIAN SERVICE.

4. IMPORTS OF ANIMALS, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS FOR VETERINARIAN USE, FOOD FOR CATTLE, ANIMAL SPERM FOR ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION, HAY, STRAW AND ALL OTHER ITEMS LIKELY TO CONVEY THE GERMS OF THE INFECTION FROM BRAZIL AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND FROM ALL OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE AFRICAN SWINE FEVER PREVAILS ARE TEMPORARILY FORBIDDEN.

5. ALL FOOD WASTES FOUND IN PLANES OR IN THE OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION WILL BE DESTROYED.

6. SHOULD ANY TRAVELER, DRIVER, PILOT, CAPTAIN RESIST THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE MEASURES, HE WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE HAITIAN JUSTICE, UPON A SINGLE REPORT OF A QUALIFIED AGENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
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7. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW, NO. VI OF THE CODE RURAL FRANCOIS DUVALIER, THE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION, THE FORCES OF SECURITY TO THE PORTS AND AIRPORTS OF THE REPUBLIC ARE IN CHARGE OF THE APPLICATION OF THESE MEASURES. PORT AU PRINCE, JULY 14, 1978 UNQUOTE
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